GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:283
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2007
CHARGES FOR PAY CHANNELS
Chowdhury Shri Adhir Ranjan

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from Broadcasters against the decision of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) regarding changing the charges for pay channels in Conditional Access System (CAS) sector recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to resolve the issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a), (b) & (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 283 FOR ANSWER ON 19.3.2007

(a), (b) & (c): No representation from broadcasters against the decision of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) regarding changing the charges for pay channels in CAS sector has been received recently. However, appeals were filed by two broadcasters before the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) and two broadcasters have filed petitions in High Court. TDSAT has dismissed the appeals while the petitions before Hon'ble High Court of Delhi are still pending in which Government of India is also a party. The matter is subjudice.